GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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Payment of Dues
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present outstanding dues of London based Satellite Information Services for broadcast of 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) the reasons for delay in payment of dies to the broadcasting firm;

(c) whether there have been some settlement reached during the visit of Prime Minister of Britain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the firm Satellite Information Services (SIS Live) has not fulfilled the contractual obligation and has filed Arbitration case against Prasar Bharati. The matter is still under Arbitration between SIS Live & Prasar Bharati.

(c) & (d) There has been no recent visit to India by the British Prime Minister. His last visit to India was in November 2013 en route to the CHOGM Summit in Sri Lanka. His last bilateral visit to India was in February 2013. Neither of these visits took place during the turn of the current Lok Sabha. Indian Prime Minister visited UK in November 2015. As per the records of the Ministry of External Affairs, this matter did not come up for discussion during this visit.

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